

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A recording agent of a color component used for color reproduction through subtractive color mixing, the recording agent comprising:

mainly a first coloring agent expressing the color component; and
a second coloring agent identical in hue to the first coloring agent,
wherein the recording agent having a higher spectral reflectance than a spectral reflectance of the first coloring agent.

2. (Original) The recording agent as set forth in claim 1, wherein:
the first coloring agent is a non-fluorescent coloring agent and the second coloring agent is a fluorescent coloring agent.

3 (Original) The recording agent as set forth in claim 1, wherein:
the recording agent contains the second coloring agent in a compounding ratio of x, which is given by:

$R_m = (1 - xy) R_o + xy R_f$ (y being a predetermined constant and a positive real number),
where R_o expresses the spectral reflectance of the first coloring agent, R_f expresses a spectral reflectance of the second coloring agent, R_m expresses the spectral reflectance of the recording agent created by mixing the first coloring agent and the second coloring agent.

4. (Original) The recording agent as set forth in claim 3, wherein:
the y as a predetermined constant and a positive real number satisfies $2 \leq y \leq 3$.

Claims 5 - 9 (Cancelled).

10. (New) A recording agent of a color component used for color reproduction through subtractive color mixing, the recording agent comprising:

mainly a first coloring agent expressing the color component and having a characteristic

spectral reflectance; and

a second coloring agent identical in hue to the first coloring agent imparting to the recording agent a higher spectral reflectance than the spectral reflectance of the first coloring agent.